

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

ITO et al.

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Application No.: 10/023,475

Examiner: Unassigned

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FOR: HOSE COUPLING ASSEMBLY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

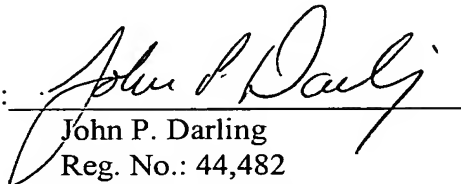
Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. (50705/290490) and proceed to consider this IDS.

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Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider each of the documents supplied herewith. It is furthermore respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm the careful and independent consideration in the next official communication by return of an initialed and dated PTO-1449 form in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 609.

Respectfully submitted,
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